



## Meridian Post 4000

Meridian Senior Center - 1920 N Records Ave.  
Meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of Month at Kleiner Park

**Merry Christmas &  
Happy New Year**

### December 2019 Letter & November Meeting Minutes

#### Post Officers for 2019-2020

**Commander:** Troy Junier  
**Senior Vice Commander/Adj:** Tammy Clement  
**Jr. Vice Commander:** Brian Puckett  
**Quartermaster:** Terry Thomas

#### Post Auxiliary

**President:** Carol Williams  
**Secretary:** Melissa Suekel

#### Dates and Events Coming Up:

**VA CLC Bingo** - December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2019, 2019 @ 7 p.m. – CLC @ Veterans Hospital, Boise, ID  
**Post Meeting** - December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2019 @ 7 p.m. – 1920 N. Records Ave, Meridian Sr. Center, Kleiner Park  
**Awards Dinner** – December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2019 @ 6:30 p.m. – 1920 N. Records Ave, Meridian Sr. Center, Kleiner Park  
**Mid-Winter Conference** – January 9-12<sup>th</sup>, 2020 - Riverside Hotel in Boise  
**VA CLC Bingo** – January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2020 @ 7 p.m. – CLC @ Veterans Hospital, Boise, ID  
**Post Meeting** - January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2020 @ 7 p.m. – 1920 N. Records Ave, Meridian Sr. Center, Kleiner Park

#### Meeting Minutes for November 12<sup>th</sup>, 2019

7:07 p.m. **Open of Meeting** - by Post Commander  
7:11 p.m. **Roll Call of Officer** -9 Officers, 10 members.  
7:12 p.m. **Membership Applications-** Motion made to accept Vernon Washington and Rus. Motion Passed.  
7:14 p.m. **Reading of the Minutes for October 8<sup>th</sup>, Meeting** – Motion made to accept as read by Robert Gray, 2<sup>nd</sup> By Mike Clement. Motion Passed.  
7:16 p.m. **Quarter Master Report** – October receipts - \$685.04, expenses \$1,238.91.  
Total in checking for end of October was \$5,397.29, Savings/Building fund \$2002.58.  
Motion to accept as read Brain Puckett, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bob Gray. Motion passed.  
7:19 p.m. **Service Officer Report** – Draping of charter for Dale Olsen and Larry Bockleman  
7:24 p.m. **Community Reports: Honor Guard:** -Honor Guard meeting on the 23<sup>rd</sup> November. Total Events 21.  
-**CAR Report:** Members 39 Hours 142.5 Miles 790 Money/Donations \$895.00  
-Don't forget to send your Community Activity Reports to Tammy by the 24<sup>th</sup>. If you miss the deadline send them anyway so they can get added to next month's report.  
-Post is currently under 65% for membership.

#### Blessing of the National Home Prayer

7:31 p.m. **Unfinished Business** – Post Received 1 Voice of Democracy and 59 Patriot's Pen entries.  
Post is going to give out same as last year for awards: Voice of Democracy 1<sup>st</sup> - \$150, Patriot's Pen (4) \$100, 2<sup>nd</sup> \$75, 3<sup>rd</sup> \$50 and Teacher of the Year entries \$200 each.  
-Post received two Teacher of the Year entries for elementary (Mrs. Bond) and a Middle School Teacher (Mr. Williams).  
-Festival of Trees theme this year is "Purple Heart". Commander is looking for items or decorations for support of them for the tree. Commander asked for some presents wrapped in purple and gold ribbons and bows with offsetting colors. Delivery is on the 24<sup>th</sup> of November.  
-Still have some Post t-shirts are still available in limited sizes.  
-Post received a Thank You from the City of Meridian for participation in Trunk or Treat.

- 7:46 p.m. New Business** – Post is going to sponsor two military families for Christmas for Gowen Field Family Programs. Post decided on two families up to \$400. Motion was made by Brian Puckett, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Chuck Drennan and motion passed.
- The Awards dinner for the post is on December 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. Command passed out sign up for food. Will be held at the Senior Center.
  - A post member we helped last year has sent back a \$500 donation we assisted them with.
  - Post received a “Thank You” card from the Blue Star Mothers of Treasure Valley for the donation we sent.
  - The Elks Lodge in Boise is having a Veterans celebration with students. They are asking for some veterans to arrive to meet with military families. It is on November 16<sup>th</sup> from 10:30 a.m. to Noon.
- 7: 45 p.m. Good of The Order** – Commander went over General Orders for the month. Please look online or read attachments to letter email.
- National Commander put out a membership challenge for the month of November. Commander showed and explained the flyer.
  - Mid-Winter Conference is January 9-12. Registration forms are out for signing up and reserving rooms.
  - District Meeting in Meridian is February 22<sup>nd</sup>, may move it to February 15<sup>th</sup>. Will keep post updated if we move it.
  - December 7<sup>th</sup> District Meeting is at Boise Post 63 at Noon. Presenting awards for District student and teacher winners.
  - Wes W. spoke about post members to help commander and post with activities and membership.
  - Drawing for meeting attendance by members was done. Lawrence Molnar- was drawn to receive a life membership paid for his attendance. Next drawing next year.
- 8:03 p.m. Closing Ceremonies** - by Post Commander, the next Meeting is on December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

**Notes and Information from the VFW Department of Idaho:**

- Post members are to be in current good standing with membership in the VFW to be an officer in the post and should have on file DD-214's on file for verification of qualification for VFW Membership.

-District Meetings: 22 Feb 2020 – 11 Apr 2020 –

**Dates of Interest and Remembrance:**

**December 2019**

- |  |  |
|--|--|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> American Civil Air Patrol was Founded (1941)       | 16 <sup>th</sup> Boston Tea Party took place (1773)                                |
| 5 <sup>th</sup> President Martin Van Buren's Birthday (1782-1862)  | 19 <sup>th</sup> President Lincoln delivered the Gettysburg Address (1863)         |
| 5 <sup>th</sup> Somalia Campaign Began (1992)                      | 20 <sup>th</sup> US invaded Panama to capture Manuel Noriega (1989)8 <sup>th</sup> |
| 7 <sup>th</sup> Japan Attack Pearl Harbor Anniversary (1941)       | 21 <sup>st</sup> First Day of Winter   |
| 8 <sup>th</sup> War Declared on Japan (1941)                       | 24 <sup>th</sup> <b>Christmas Eve</b>  |
| 10 <sup>th</sup> Human Rights Day                                  | 25 <sup>th</sup> <b>Christmas Day</b>  |
| 11 <sup>th</sup> Hitler and Mussolini declare war on the US (1941) | 28 <sup>th</sup> President Woodrow Wilson's Birthday (1856-1924)                   |
| 13 <sup>th</sup> Saddam Hussain Captured (2003)                    | 29 <sup>th</sup> President Andrew Johnson's Birthday (1808-1875)                   |
| 15 <sup>th</sup> Bill of Rights Day                                | 31 <sup>st</sup> <b>New Year's Eve</b>   |
| 15 <sup>th</sup> Iraq War ended (2011)                             | 31 <sup>st</sup> Official End of WWII (1946)                                       |
| 16 <sup>th</sup> Battle of the Bulge begins (1944)                 | 31 <sup>st</sup> Kosovo Campaign Ended (2013)                                      |

**January 2020**

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> <b>New Year's Day</b>   | 20 <sup>th</sup> Martin Luther King Day                                 |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> George Washington unveiled the Grand Union Flag (1776,1 <sup>st</sup> Union Flag) | 23 <sup>rd</sup> Peace in Vietnam Announced, (1973)                     |
| 7 <sup>th</sup> President Millard Fillmore's Birthday 1880-1874)                                  | 27 <sup>th</sup> Signing of Vietnam Peace Accord (1973)                 |
| 9 <sup>th</sup> President Richard Nixon's Birthday (1913-1994)                                    | 29 <sup>th</sup> President William McKinley's Birthday (1843-1901)      |
| 11 <sup>th</sup> President A. Hamilton's Birthday (1755-1804)                                     | 30 <sup>th</sup> Viet Cong Launch Ted Offensive (1968)                  |
| 12 <sup>th</sup> John Hancock's Birthday (1737-1793)  | 30 <sup>th</sup> President Franklin R. Roosevelt's Birthday (1882-1945) |
| President of the Second Continental Congress  | 31 <sup>st</sup> Panama Campaign Ended (1990)                           |
| 17 <sup>th</sup> Desert Storm Air War Begins (1991)   |   |
| 17 <sup>th</sup> Ben Franklin Born (1706)   |   |